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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There are four post graduate courses and if any is qualified to go that person will be appointed."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Do the Government propose to convert some into Muhammadans? (Laughter)."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is not for me to do that, Sir. (Laughter)."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Forests

Extent and utility of the Konal-ar Grassy Hills, Anamalais.

1511 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the approximate extent in square miles of the Konal-ar Grassy Hills, Anamalais, shown in the plate No. 4 in the Administration Report of the Forest Department of the Madras Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1927;

(b) whether it is suitable for breeding of live-stock; and

(c) what other use the Government propose to make of these hills?

A.—(a) There are about 20 square miles of grassy hills on the Anamalais.

(b) No.

(c) The whole area is reserved forest.

Industries

Industrial survey of the Presidency.

1512 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to institute any industrial survey of the Presidency?

A.—No.

II

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1929-30.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR.—" It now falls to me to place before the Legislative Council the Budget Estimates for the financial year 1929–1930 and, as a customary and necessary preamble to enable our financial position to be clearly understood, I propose first to review the transactions of the year 1927–1928, for which the final figures are now available, and then to examine the transactions of the current year so far as known to us and the financial position in which on present anticipations we shall find ourselves at its close. These anticipations are based on the figures for nine months supplied by the Accountant-General, and corrected with reference to such known factors as may affect inferences based upon them as to the course of transactions in the last three months of the year. It will then be